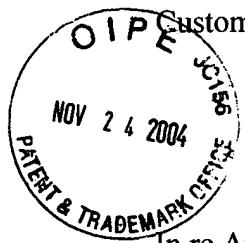


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 2, 2004 kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed are: (1) a declaration by Dr. Andreas Burgard, (2) a Petition for 3-month Extension of Time to be charged to Deposit Account 50-2193, (3) Change of Address, (4) Power of Attorney, and (5) copies of EP 1013633 and JP 081134034 originally submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of October 31, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are provided in the replacement paragraphs beginning on Page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 5 of this paper.